AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) An image printing system comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a medium having a prepay function on which image data is recorded;

an instructing unit by which ~~the~~ <u>a</u> user places an order for printing with regard to the ~~images~~ <u>image data</u> recorded on the medium;

a printer that prints ~~the~~ images <u>from the image data</u> recorded on the medium; and

a controller that reads the image data recorded on the medium, causes the printer to perform printing in response to the order via the instructing unit, receives ~~the~~ <u>a</u> printing fee, and updates ~~the~~ <u>a</u> prepaid balance in ~~the~~ prepayment information of the medium after ~~the~~ <u>a</u> printing instruction is issued from the instructing unit.

2.   (Original) An image printing system according to claim 1, wherein said controller accepts a printing instruction after the image data is read from the medium.

3. - 9. (Canceled)

10.   (Currently Amended) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a medium on which image data is recorded and

which has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which ~~the~~ a user places an order for printing regarding the ~~images~~ image data recorded on the medium;

a printer that prints the data; and

a controller that updates ~~the~~ a prepaid balance in the storage medium and causes the printer to print a receipt for the printing order, which includes the prepaid balance, in response to the printing order issued via the instructing means.

11.   (Currently Amended) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and which has a prepay function, and that includes a removal preventing means that prevents ~~the~~ removal of the mounted storage medium;

an instructing means by which ~~the~~ a user places an order for printing regarding the ~~images~~ image data recorded on the storage medium; and

a controller that reads the image data recorded on the storage medium, calculates ~~the~~ a fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates ~~the~~ a prepaid balance and prevents the removal of the storage medium by operating the removal preventing means of the mounting mechanism until the updating of the prepaid balance is completed.

12.   (Currently Amended) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and that has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which ~~the~~ a user places an order for printing regarding the

images image data recorded on the storage medium; and

a controller that inputs the image data recorded on the storage medium, calculates the a fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates the a prepaid balance and nullifies the printing order if the storage medium is removed from the mounting mechanism before the prepaid balance is updated.

13.   (Currently Amended) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and that has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which the a user places an order for printing regarding the images image data recorded on the storage medium;

a money receiving means that receives money; and

a controller that reads the image data recorded on the storage medium, processes the receipt of money via the money receiving means, calculates the a fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates the a prepaid balance and settles the printing fee by combining together the prepaid balance in the storage medium and the cash added using money received via the money receiving means.

14.   (Currently Amended) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and that has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which the a user places an order for printing regarding the images image data recorded on the storage medium;

a money receiving means that receives money; and

a controller that inputs the image data recorded on the storage medium, processes the receipt of money via the money receiving means, calculates ~~the~~ a fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates ~~the~~ a prepaid balance ~~and updates the prepaid balance~~ of the storage medium by combining together the prepaid balance in the storage medium and the ~~cash added using~~ money received via the money receiving means.

15.   (Currently Amended) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and that has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which ~~the~~ a user places an order for printing regarding the ~~images~~ image data recorded on the storage medium; and

a control means that reads the image data recorded on the storage medium, calculates ~~the~~ a fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates ~~the~~ a prepaid balance and accesses ~~the~~ prepayment information in the storage medium and outputs ~~the~~ said information using a display means or a printing means.

16.   (Currently Amended) An image handling device comprising:

a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image data is recorded and that has a prepay function;

an instructing means by which ~~the~~ a user places an order for printing regarding the ~~images~~ image data recorded on the storage medium; and

a control means that reads the image data recorded on the storage medium,

calculates ~~the~~ a fee for the printing ordered via the instructing means, updates ~~the~~ a prepaid

balance and calculates ~~the~~ a printing fee in accordance with the printing history.

17.   (Currently Amended) A printing fee recording method in an image output

system comprising a mounting mechanism that mounts a storage medium on which image

data is recorded and that has a prepay function, an instructing means by which ~~the~~ a user

places an order for printing regarding the ~~images~~ image data recorded on the storage

medium, and a printing means that prints ~~the~~ images from the image data recorded on the

storage medium, the method comprising the steps of:

reading the image data from the storage medium; and

recording ~~the~~ a printing history on the storage medium, calculating a fee for the

ordered printing based on the printing history, and ~~recording the~~ updating a prepaid balance

on the storage medium ~~is updated according to the user orders printing of the images~~

~~recorded on the storage medium~~ based on the printing orders placed by the user.

18.   (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A computer-readable storage medium which

stores a program comprising the step of:

reading image data from the storage medium in which the image data is recorded

and which has a prepay function;

receiving a printing order from ~~the~~ a user for the ~~images~~ image data recorded on the

storage medium;

printing ~~the~~ images by ~~the~~ a printing means in accordance with the printing order;

and

updating ~~the~~ a prepaid balance in ~~the~~ prepayment information in the storage

medium after the printing order is executed.